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GOHSEP Announces Emergency Management Grants for Parishes

BATON ROUGE (June 18, 2014) – The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) recently awarded nearly \$2 million in U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funding to all 64 Louisiana Parishes. The EMPG provides federal grant funds to states to assist state, and local agencies to help prepare for all hazards as authorized by Title VI of the *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act* (Stafford Act).

GOHSEP Director Kevin Davis said, "These grants will help our local emergency managers prepare for, respond to and recover from man-made emergencies and natural disasters. The recent flooding in northwest and central Louisiana and the rapid development of Tropical Storm Bill reinforce the need for a well-coordinated emergency response in Louisiana that starts at the local level."

The priority of the EMPG is to support the implementation of the National Preparedness System. The National Preparedness System is the instrument the Nation employs to build, sustain and implement core capabilities to achieve the goal of a secure and resilient Nation. Achieving the goal involves a collaborative and whole community approach to national preparedness that engages individuals, families, communities, private and nonprofit sectors, faith-based organizations and all levels of government.

DHS expects EMPG recipients to prioritize grant funding to address capability targets and gaps identified through the annual Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and State Preparedness Report (SPR) process.

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